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Test Plan and Data Summary for

IRGANOX 259

**1,6-Hexamethylene bis (3,5-di-(tert)-butyl-4-
hydroxyhydrocinnamate)**

CAS No. 35074-77-2

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A. Introduction

An important objective of EPA's High Production Volume (HPV) chemical challenge program is the gathering and public release of basic hazard information on those chemicals manufactured at high volumes in the United States. Ciba Specialty Chemicals has agreed to participate in this program and hereby submit for review and public comment our available data and test plan for Irganox 259.

B. General Substance Information

Chemical Name: 1,6-Hexamethylene bis (3,5-di-(tert)-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate)

Appearance: White to off-white crystalline powder.

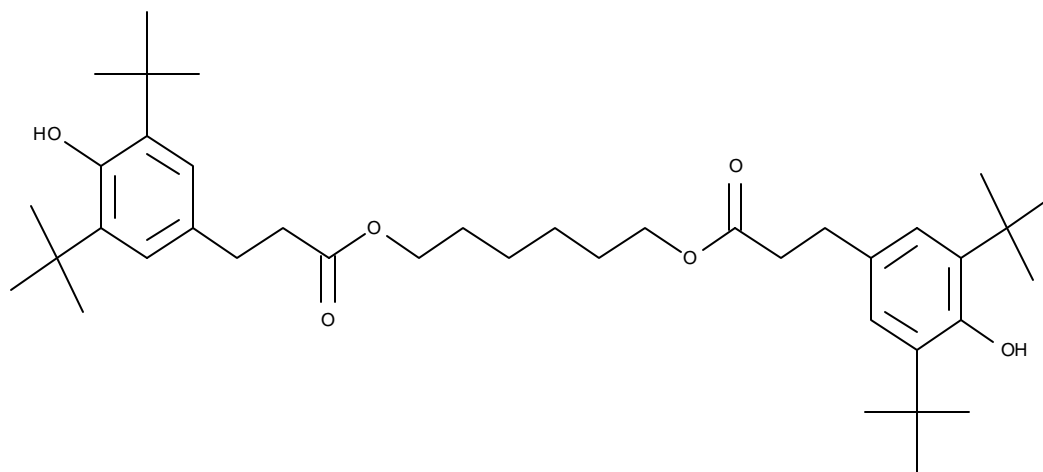
Chemical abstract Service Registry Number: CAS # 35074-77-2

Common Name / Trade Name: Irganox 259

Chemical Formula: C₄₀H₆₂O₆

Molecular weight: 639.0

Structure:



C. General Use Information

1,6-Hexamethylene bis (3,5-di-(tert)-butyl-4-hydroxyhydrocinnamate), commercially known as Irganox 259, is a sterically hindered phenolic antioxidant. Irganox 259 is a stabilizer for organic substrates such as plastics, synthetic fibers, and elastomers.

This product has been cleared by the FDA for use in polymers, resins or adhesives intended for food contact applications [21 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) § 178.2010]. Irganox 259 also has FDA clearance for lubricants with incidental food contact.

Sales of Irganox 259 are to industrial users only. The polymer industry has a record of safe use of additives such as Irganox 259 and worker exposures are considered minimal. Industrial Hygiene programs and Responsible Care® practices are the norm throughout the industry and it is the experience of Ciba Specialty Chemicals that its customers handle such products in a careful and conscientious manner. Ciba distributes Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) that present detailed hazard data and provide directions for safe handling. Ciba has established an Internal Exposure Limit for airborne exposure for Irganox 259 of 10 mg/m³ for particulate matter; this information is also communicated on the MSDS. After Irganox 259 is incorporated in the polymer matrix it is relatively immobile and release-exposure to humans or the environment is considered minimal.

Environmental Endpoints

Existing ecotoxicology data for this chemical indicate that there is low concern for acute toxicity to fish, aquatic plants and aquatic invertebrates. The solubility of the compound is very low and residues that enter aquatic systems will likely become bound to sediment. The material is not readily biodegradable, however, environmental exposures are expected to be negligible.

A hydrolysis study has not been conducted. The very low water solubility of the compound makes such testing impractical or impossible. The low water solubility of the material also makes it unlikely that hydrolysis would be a significant route of environmental degradation. No testing is proposed for this endpoint.

Toxicology Endpoints

Available mammalian acute toxicity data indicates very low toxicity by oral, dermal or inhalation exposure. Based on OECD procedures, the requirement for reproductive and developmental toxicity data is fulfilled by consideration of the available developmental study and the analysis of male and female reproductive organs in several repeat-dose toxicity studies. This information demonstrates that Irganox 259 is not teratogenic and it does not impact reproductive organs, even at high exposure levels. Additionally, the

compound is not mutagenic or clastogenic and chronic testing indicates it is not carcinogenic. Subchronic testing has shown effects on liver and thyroid at high doses. All toxicology endpoints are fulfilled.

Conclusions

The available data are sufficient to meet the requirements of the HPV challenge program and no additional testing is proposed.

For additional supporting data relating to hindered phenol antioxidants, information presented for the HPV Hindered Phenol Category, sponsored by the American Chemistry Council, should be reviewed.

SUMMARY TABLE

CAS No. 35074-77-2			
PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL ELEMENTS	DATE	RESULTS	FULFILLS REQUIREMENT
Melting Point	1989	104-108 °C	Yes
Boiling Point	2001	654.41 °C	Yes
Vapor Pressure	2001	1.75×10^{-17} mm Hg	Yes
Partition Coefficient	2001	Log Kow > 11.74 (estimated)	Yes
Water Solubility	2001	3.3×10^{-7} mg/ L (estimated)	Yes
ENVIRONMENTAL FATE AND PATHWAYS ELEMENTS			
Photodegradation	2001	For reaction with hydroxyl radical, predicted rate constant = 47.0×10^{-12} cm ³ /molecule-sec predicted half-life = 2.73 h	Yes
Stability in Water	2001	Low solubility makes testing of stability in water impractical. EPIWIN model could not evaluate this structure	Waiver
Fugacity	2001	Predicted distribution using Level III fugacity model Air 0.0118 % Water 1.1 % Soil 41 % Sediment 57.9 % Persistence = 677 h	Yes
Biodegradation	1989	Not biodegradable 10 mg/L: 1% in 28 days 20 mg/L: 1% in 28 days	Yes
ECOTOXICITY ELEMENTS			
Acute Toxicity to Fish	1988	LC ₅₀ (96 h) > 100 mg/L	Yes
Toxicity to Aquatic Plants	1992	EC ₅₀ (0-72 h) > 100 mg/L	Yes
Acute Toxicity to Aquatic Invertebrates	1988	EC ₅₀ (24 h) > 100 mg/L	Yes

SUMMARY TABLE (CONTINUED)

CAS No. 35074-77-2 HEALTH ELEMENTS	DATE	RESULTS	FULFILLS REQUIREMENT
1. Acute Toxicity	1969	Rat: LD ₅₀ (Oral) > 5,000 mg/kg	Yes
	1969	Rabbit: LD ₅₀ (Dermal) > 10,000 mg/kg	Yes
	1973	Rat: LD ₅₀ (Inhalation) > 1700 mg/ m ³	Yes
2. Genetic Toxicity			
In Vitro (Ames)	1978	Ames Test – Salmonella typhimurium: No increase in mutations with or without metabolic activation (at doses of 0.2, 2.0, 20, 200 and 2000 ig/ plate)	Yes
In Vivo (Dominant Lethal Assay)	1978	No dominant lethal effect	Yes
3. Repeated Dose Toxicity			
A. Subchronic Toxicity			
i) 90-Day dietary toxicity study in rats	1971	NOEL < 1000 ppm Thyroid	Yes
ii) 90-Day dietary toxicity study in rats	1970	NOEL < 2000 ppm Thyroid and Liver	Yes
iii) 90-Day dietary toxicity study in rats	1975	NOEL = 400 ppm Thyroid and Liver	Yes
iv) 90-Day dietary toxicity study in dogs	1976	NOEL = 1500 ppm Liver	Yes
B. Chronic dietary toxicity study in rats	1982	NOEL = 150 ppm (food consumption) NOAEL = 450 ppm (Not carcinogenic)	Yes

	DATE	RESULTS	FULFILLS REQUIREMENT
4. Reproduction and Developmental Toxicity			
<i>A. Developmental Toxicity</i>	1978	NOEL = 2000 mg/kg No teratogenic effect.	Yes
<i>B. Reproductive Toxicity</i>		No effect on reproductive organs in sub-chronic and chronic tests.	Yes